REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner provides that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct invention. Specifically,

- I. Claims 1-3 and claims 7-12, drawn to a disk cartridge including loading apparatus, classified in class 369, subclass 77.1
- II. Claims 13-17, drawn to a disk cartridge, classified in class 369, subclass291
- III. Claims 4-6, drawn to a disk cartridge, classified in class 369, subclass 77.2.

ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Accordingly, the Applicants were requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, the Applicant elects Group I, i.e., claims 1-3 and 7-12, without traverse. Claims 4-6 and 13-17 are withdrawn without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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